

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method for ordering goods in a processor based system having a memory with an executable computer program stored therein, the method comprising:
- determining the user's specific procurement process;
- inputting data indicative of the procurement process of the user into a content database;
- hosting a web site operative with the computer program and the content
- 10 database, the web site being accessible via the internet through a communications device;
- storing an electronic order form in the memory, the order form being unique to the user, and operative with the computer program and the content
- 15 database, such that the order form lists goods that meet the requirements of the determined procurement process of the user;
- using a security protocol for identifying the user in response to the user accessing the web site by providing identification signals thereto unique to the user, the identification signals cooperating with the security protocol;
- displaying the electronic order form unique to the user as a web page on
- 20 the web site in response to the identification signals identifying the user;
- receiving order signals from the user through the communications device indicative of filling in an order on the order form; and
- processing the order.
2. The method of Claim 1 wherein determining further includes inventorying a facility of the user.
3. The method of Claim 1 wherein determining further includes auditing the user's procurement records.

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4. The method of Claim 1 wherein determining further includes querying the user's personnel involved with the procurement process.
5. The method of Claim 1 further comprising developing a flow chart of the steps involved in the user's procurement process.
6. The method of Claim 5 further comprising eliminating unrequired steps in the procurement process revealed in the flow chart.
7. The method of Claim 1 further comprising displaying a web page of the web site indicative of specifications and information of goods accessed from the database.
8. The method of Claim 7 further comprising displaying a web page of the web site indicative of information on new goods accessed from the database based on a new goods search conducted by the user.
9. The method of Claim 1 further comprising the user modifying the order form.
10. The method of Claim 1 further comprising subjecting the order to review by a supervisor.
11. The method of Claim 10 wherein the supervisor is one of a personnel of the user and a personnel of a provider of the web site.
12. The method of Claim 1 further comprising displaying a confirmation message, including a confirmation number.

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13. The method of Claim 7 wherein the specifications and information of goods further comprises at least one of side by side comparisons of a plurality of goods, good prices, features of goods, benefits of goods, applications of goods, information on competitive goods, goods lead times, material safety data sheets of goods, pictures of goods and current procurement data.

14. The method of Claim 13 wherein the current procurement data further comprises one of a history of ordering and usage, and an accounts receivable summary.

15. A method for ordering goods in a processor-based system having a memory with an executable computer program stored therein, the method comprising:

determining the user's specific procurement process by inventorying a facility of the user, auditing the user's procurement records and querying the user's personnel involved with the procurement process;

developing a flow chart of the steps involved in the user's procurement process;

eliminating unrequired steps in the procurement process revealed in the flow chart;

inputting data indicative of the procurement process of the user into a content database;

hosting a web site operative with the computer program and the content database, the web site being accessible via the internet through a communications device;

storing an electronic order form in the memory, the order form being unique to the user, and operative with the computer program and the content database, such that the order form lists goods that meet the requirements of the determined procurement process of the user;

using a security protocol for identifying the user in response to the user accessing the web site by providing identification signals thereto unique to the user, the identification signals cooperating with the security protocol;

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displaying the electronic order form unique to the user as a web page on the web site in response to the identification signals identifying the user;

- 25 receiving order signals from the user through the communications device indicative of filling in an order on the order form; and
 processing the order.

16. The method of Claim 15 further comprising displaying a web page of the web site indicative of specifications and information of goods accessed from the database.

17. The method of Claim 16 further comprising displaying a web page of the web site indicative of information on new goods accessed from the database based on a new goods search conducted by the user.

18. The method of Claim 15 further comprising subjecting the order to review by a supervisor.

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19. In a computer network that includes a plurality of servers for accessing a plurality of web sites and a plurality of client systems, at least some of which include a display, input means, and a communications device each connected to and controlled by a processor, the communications device for connecting the client system to at least one of the servers, a method for ordering goods comprising the steps of:

establishing a connection between a processor of at least one of the client systems, and one of the servers;

accessing a particular one of the web sites causing the server to download to the connected processor of the client system a web page, from which a user can order a plurality of different goods, the web page being viewable on the display by a user;

customizing an order form, operative with the web site, to a particular procurement process of the user by inventorying a facility of the user, auditing the user's procurement records and querying the user's personnel involved with the procurement process to determine the user's procurement process;

using the input means to enter an identification protocol unique to the user, thereby causing the order form to be downloaded from the web site to the connected processor, and be viewable on the display;

using the input means to electronically fill in the customized order form, identifying goods to be purchased; and

causing the processor of the connected client system to submit the electronically filled in order form to the server.

20. The method of Claim 19 wherein customizing the order form further comprises:

developing a flow chart of the steps involved in the user's procurement process; and

eliminating unrequired steps in the procurement process revealed in the flow chart.

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21. The method of Claim 19 wherein customizing the order form further comprises:

inputting data indicative of the procurement process into a content database; and

5 listing a portion of the goods contained in the content database and indicative of the procurement process on the order form.

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